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PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR STD ISD PCO BOOTHS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number o f applications pending for providing STD/ISD/PCO booths in Rajasthan during the last two years district-wise, particularly in Jaipur;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the disposal of these pending applications; and

(c) the number of STD/ISD/PCO booths proposed to be opened in the State during the year 2005-06 district-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, the number of applications pending as on 30.6.2005 for provisioning of PCOs out of the applications received during the last two years are:

	STD/ISD/PCOs	LOCAL PCOs
Rajasthan	593	96
Jaipur District	59	1

District-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) Steps taken/proposed for early clearance of the pending applications are:

(i) Making technically non-feasible (TNF) areas feasible by laying underground cables.

(ii) Planning of WLL systems and expansion of existing systems in areas where it is not feasible to lay underground cable.

(iii) Planning of additional WLL-Towers (BTSs) to cover areas with weak signals.

(iv) Procurement of Fixed Wireless Terminals (FWTs).

(c) PCOs are liberally allotted to all the applicants of 18 years of age or above without any restriction and are on demand in feasible areas. The number of PCOs to be installed in State during the year 2005-06 will depend on the number of applicants.

ANNEXURE

Details of pending applications for STD/ISD/PCOs out of applications received during last two years.

Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of pending applications as on 30.6.2005		
		STD/ISD/PCOs	Local PCOs	TOTAL
1	Ajmer	Nil	Nil	0
2	Alwar	Nil	Nil	0
3	Banswara	10	Nil	10

4	Dungarpur	20	1	21
5	Barmer	Nil	Nil	0
6	Bharatpur	Nil	Nil	0
7	Dholpur	Nil	Nil	0
8	Bhilwara	Nil	Nil	0
9	Bikaner	Nil	Nil	0
10	Bundi	2	Nil	2
11	Chittorgarh	81	Nil	81
12	Churu	Nil	Nil	0
13	Jaisalmer	Nil	Nil	0
14	Jaipur	59	1	60
15	Dausa	Nil	Nil	0
16	Jhalawar	Nil	1	1
17	Jhunjhunu	Nil	Nil	0
18	Jodhpur	57	86	143
19	Kota	Nil	Nil	0
20	Baran	Nil	Nil	0
21	Nagaur	86	Nil	86
22	Pali	39	3	42
23	Sawai Madhopur	203	3	206
24	Karauli	Nil	Nil	0
25	Sikar	Nil	Nil	0
26	Sirohi	Nil	Nil	0
27	Jalore	Nil	Nil	0
28	Sriganganagar	Nil	Nil	0
29	Hanumangarh	Nil	Nil	0
30	Tonk	Nil	Nil	0
31	Udaipur	+ 36	1	37
Rajsamand				
TOTAL	593	96	689	